Identification of beach resorts in Orissa for development .. ..

1007. SHRI JAGADISH JANI Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the beach resorts in Orissa for development,

(b) whether the Orissa sea beaches are the only sea beaches in Eastern India;

(c) if so, the steps taken to develop the sea beaches in Orissa to attract more foreign tourists visiting Orissa and other parts of Eastern India; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. USHA SINGH) (a) to (d) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government Central Government provides assistance to the State Government on the basis of specific proposals and subject to merit and *inter-se* priorities for development of tourism in the State. Sea beaches in Orissa are not the only sea beaches in Eastern India. However, no proposal for development of beach resorts has been received from Government of Orissa during 1990-91.

Setting up of a Water Sports Complex at Chilka Lake, Orissa

1008. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a water sports complex at Chilka Lake in Orissa;

(b) whether it is a fact that water sports complex has not been properly developed due to lack of funds;

(c) if so, the steps taken to develop the same during 1990-91; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. USHA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The development of tourist activities is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, for development of water sport activities at Chilka Lake, Department of Tourism had sanctioned an amount of Rs 21 96 lakhs

(c) and (d) In view of the position indicated in reply to (b), the question does not arise

Proposal to connect Tata-Badampahar Railway Line to Rupsa-Bangiripasi, Orissa

1009 SHRI JAGADISH JANI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to connect Tata-Badampahar rail line in Mayurbhanj district, Orissa, with Rupsa Bangiripasi rail line,

(b) whether the proposal has been pending since long; and

(c) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA). (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A survey for conversion of Rupsa-Bangripasi NG line to BG and its extension to Gurumahisani, which connects to Tata-Badampahar line was conducted in 1979. The project was found to yield only 2.43 per cent return and being unremunerative could not be taken up

Construction work of Jakhapura-Banspani, Railway Line, Orissa

1010 SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction work of second and third phases of the Jakhapura-Banspani rail line in Orissa has not made much progress over the years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the construction work?